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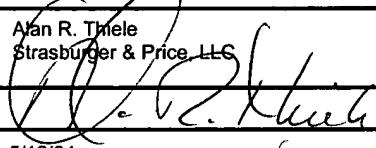
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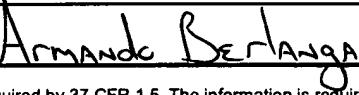
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Art Unit: 1753

For: METHODS OF PREPARING AND USING ELECTROSTATICALLY TREATED FLUIDS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the March 12, 2004 requirement to elect between:

Claims 26-29 drawn to an energized fluid; and

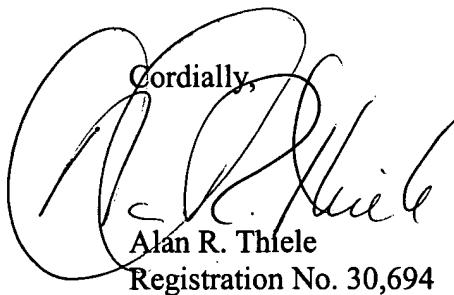
Claims 30-41 drawn to a method of treating a fluid,

Claims 30-41 are elected for examination.

Accordingly, please cancel Claims 26-29, without prejudice. Client reserves the right to re-file claims 26-29 in a divisional application at a later date.

As no time period for response was indicated on the Office Action Summary, applicant has assumed a three-month shortened statutory period for submission of a timely response.

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